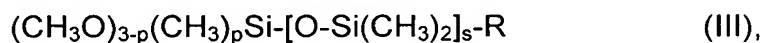


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] A significant constituent for the purposes of achieving the objects of the invention is the reactive silane compound (also termed "primer" below). Preference is given to compounds of the general formula (III):



where

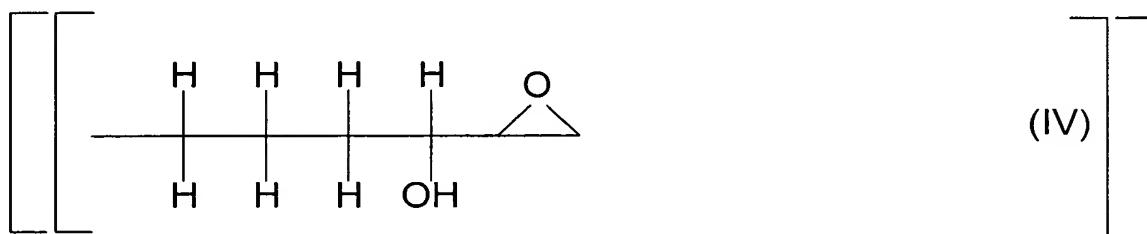
p is zero, 1, 2, or 3, preferably zero or 1,

s is zero or an integer from 1 to 100, preferably from zero to 10,

R is a bivalent monovalent, unsubstituted or hydroxyl-substituted, organic radical which has one or more reactive groups capable of reacting chemically with an epoxy resin.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] R in the compound of the general formula (III) is preferably a 3-glycidoxypropyl radical ~~of the formula (IV):~~ ;



where p is preferably zero or 1, preferably zero, and s is preferably zero. Preference is given to 3-glycidoxy-propyltrimethoxysilane and 3-glycidoxypropylmethyldimethoxysilane.